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1. There are no signs that the production at the Matzen field will drop. The Soviets are still optimistic and are attempting to bring other wells in the Matzen area into production. The following is the present status of all existing wells at Matzen.
 - a. M1 has been brought in and is now being swabbed. There is no storage near the well, but tanks are being built. There is a shortage of line pipe for all wells.
 - b. M3 is still producing 70-80 tons of crude oil per day and is now being operated with an 88 mm beam.
 - c. K4 is delivering 22-25 cubic meters of natural gas per day at 60 atmospheres into the Neusiedl-Vienna pipe line.
 - d. K5 has brought in natural gas but will remain sealed until line pipe is available for a connection with the Neusiedl pipe line.
 - e. K6 is delivering approximately the same quantity of natural gas into the Neusiedl line as K4.
 - f. K7, a natural gas well, has been sealed because of the line pipe shortage.
 - g. At the M8 well, the oil strata has been reached, but the drilling continues.
 - h. The M9 derrick is being erected and the machinery put in place.

2. Another source reports that a Sowjetische Mineralölverwaltung geologist at the Kantgasse office in Vienna has stated that the oil strikes at Matzen are disappointing. The oil is coming from small disconnected strata under great pressure, and he predicts a drastic drop in production within the next two months. 25X1A6a 25X1A2g

Comment: It seems probable that the drillings are not yet extensive enough to provide adequate data for an accurate estimate of the Matzen oil field potential, and the conflicting reports may possibly be the results of early speculation. [REDACTED] contained another report to the effect that SV geologists believed the Matzen oil area potentialities to be overestimated.

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